



SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG POWER Executive Committee

Regular Meeting 2017-05

August 23, 2017

Conference Room 6102 – Bay Area

375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Julie Bueren opened the meeting with introductions at 11:04 AM.

| <u>Present Committee Representatives</u> | <u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u> |
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| Melissa Morton | Vallejo Flood & Wastewater District |
| Chris Schroeder | City of Milpitas |
| Dave Brees | City of Los Altos |
| Julie Bueren (Chair) | County of Contra Costa |
| Tonya Gilmore (Vice Chair) | City of Orinda |

| <u>Absent Committee Representatives</u> | |
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| Mintze Cheng | City of Union City |
| Angela Walton | City of Richmond |

| <u>Staff Present</u> | |
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| Jerry Lahr | MTC |
| Ryan Jacoby | MTC |
| Courtney Ruby | MTC |
| Brad Paul | MTC |
| Ken Moy | ABAG |

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Bueren announced her upcoming retirement from the County of Contra Costa and the ABAG POWER Executive Committee, effective August 30, 2017. The Committee acknowledged her contributions to the program, and noted that Tonya Gilmore, Vice Chair, would become Acting Chair following Bueren’s exit from the committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Morton/S/Schroeder/C/5:0:0 to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

- A. Approval of Summary Minutes of June 21, 2017 Executive Committee meeting
- B. Ratification of Master Gas Purchase Agreements
- C. Approval Policy Regarding Responses to Allocations of Firm Pipeline Capacity from PG&E

The aye votes were: Brees, Bueren, Gilmore, Morton, Schroeder.



The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absentees were: Cheng, Walton.

ABAG/MTC STAFF CONSOLIDATION

Paul provided an update on the recently completed ABAG-MTC staff consolidation, the associated Contract for Services and Memorandum of Understanding, and apparent contracting and operational impacts to ABAG POWER.

REPORT ON NATURAL GAS PROGRAM

Monthly Summary of Operations FY 2016-17

Lahr provided members with the Monthly Summary of Operations reports for FY 2016-17; members were updated on the percentage savings comparisons with PG&E. Lahr noted that preliminary financial statements for June, 2017 indicated a cumulative savings figure of -3.7%.

Monthly Summary of Operations FY 2017-18

Committee members were provided information on current gas purchase contracts extending through June, 2018. A savings comparison was not provided because July's financial statements were not yet available.

Gas Hedge Chart

Lahr provided information on the various current long-term gas purchases (contracts which are greater than one month in length).

Market Price Chart

Lahr provided information on gas prices.

Core Transport Agent (CTA) Minimum Standards

Lahr informed the Committee of the recent addition of Sections 980 to 989.5 to the state's Public Utilities Code (PUC), which establish a regulatory framework to create consumer protections standards for Core Transport Agents (CTAs). He explained that while many of the provisions do not apply to public agencies, some of the sections do require actions by public agency CTAs.

Staff presented proposed minimum operating standards for ABAG POWER, addressing confidentiality, physical disconnects and reconnects, change in gas providers, written notices, billing format, meter integrity, customer deposits, and the ability to adopt additional consumer protections standards.

Motion was made by Morton/S/Schroeder/C/5:0:0 to adopt as proposed Resolution 17-01, which adopts minimum operating standards for ABAG POWER in accordance with the requirements of PUC § 985.



The aye votes were: Brees, Bueren, Gilmore, Morton, Schroeder.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absentees were: Cheng, Walton.

NATURAL GAS PROGRAM REVIEW AND POLICY STRATEGY

Lahr provided a review of the natural gas program, including listing the program's dual goals of price stability and cost savings and reviewing recent challenges preventing the program from meeting both goals simultaneously. He concluded by presenting draft recommendations to improve the ability of ABAG POWER to meet its goals and provide on-going benefits to its members, and noted his intent to continue the discussion and present recommendations at the upcoming annual Board of Directors meeting.

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Lahr presented the Committee with a preliminary agenda for the upcoming annual Board of Directors meeting, scheduled for October 26, 2017. Discussion among the committee resulted in a reordering of agenda items.

ENERGY PROGRAMS UPDATE

Lahr summarized the recent accomplishments and goals of the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN), BayREN Integrated Commercial Retrofits (BRICR), and the Berkeley Energy Assurance Transformation (BEAT). Local Community Choice Aggregation efforts were also discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Julie Bueren adjourned the meeting at 1:26 PM.

*Example of a motion – [*Member No. 1/S/Member No. 2/roll call vote/C/8:0:0*] means Member No.1 motions, seconded by Member No.2, after roll call vote, motion carries, 8 = "yes" votes, 0 = "no" votes and 0 = abstention.